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TO: Each Health Deputy

FROM: Jonathan E. Freedman
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SUBJECT: **SUBMISSION OF FEDERAL GRANT APPLICATION TO EXPAND
SUBSTANCE ABUSE CAPACITY FOR ADULT DRUG COURTS**

This is to inform you that the Department of Public Health, Alcohol and Drug Program Administration (ADPA) plans to apply for the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Request for Applications, entitled, "Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity for Adult Drug Courts." ADPA, in collaboration with the Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee, Department of Mental Health, Superior Court, and the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Integrated Substance Abuse Programs intends to submit the application by the April 10, 2008 deadline.

Background

Under the leadership of Judge Michael Tynan from the Los Angeles Superior Court, an interagency committee has been working for the past two years to develop and implement protocols and procedures for the Co-Occurring Disorders Court Program (CODCP). The committee is composed of representatives of ADPA, the Chief Executive Office, Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee, Department of Mental Health, District Attorney's Office, Probation Department, Public Defender's Office, and the Sheriff's Department. The CODCP began operation on April 3, 2007 through funding obtained from the California Mental Health Services Act. Comprehensive outpatient treatment services are provided to participants in CODCP by Special Services for Groups.

Program Description

The SAMHSA grant application requests funding to expand and enhance treatment and recovery support services provided via the CODCP in Los Angeles County. The proposed program enhancement will include residential treatment for drug offenders with severe, chronic substance abuse and mental health disorders, and intensive case management to support the transition of clients from residential to outpatient treatment. The ADPA will utilize the Antelope Valley Rehabilitation Centers facility in Acton for the residential treatment services. The funds will be allocated to Special Services for Groups to augment treatment and linkage services at Acton and to the UCLA Integrated Substance Abuse Programs for evaluation services.

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Funding

There will be approximately \$300,000 available for up to three years from SAMHSA beginning in 2008. ADPA and the CODCP committee members will continue to identify additional funding opportunities to help improve and sustain the program for future years.

We will notify you about the outcome of our grant application. If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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